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Proceedings of the Baptist Association,

THE 19th Annual Session of the Clear Creek Baptist Association convened with the Baptist Church at Double Springs, Ala., Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct., 1893.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld L. M. Taylor.—text. 4th chapter of Second Corinthians, second verse. After which an intermission of one hour was given.

The body then re-assembled in the church house—Called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld T. M. Martin.

The names of the churches belonging to this Association were called, and the letters placed on the table. A. J. Ingle and N. H. Estes were called as reading clerks. The letters from the churches were read, and churches and delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Union Grove, No 1—Eld. W. W. Davis, G. W. Davis, H. L. McCrary.
Sardis, No. 1—T. M. Martin, J. R. Crow, J. W. Barton,
Rock Creek—Eld. A. F. Cole, J. N. Curtis, Calvin Miles,
Macedonia—T. P. Southerland, J. A. Ward, J. T. Hackett.
Liberty Grove—J. T. Harris, J. K. P. Taylor*, H. K. Oden*.
Shilo—W. R. Crittendon, A. L. Manasco*, T. M. Whitman*,
New Prospect—G. D. Wilson, N. J. Drewry*, J. A. Defore*.
Gum Pond—A. L. Anderson, T. J. Cole, T. F. Chaney*.
Concord—L. M. Taylor, K. C. Crow, W. G. Tucker,
Bethlehem, No. 2—B. G. Ray, John O'Kelly, R. H. Brewer.
Mountain Springs—A. J. Speller.
Low Gap.—J. A. Fowler, J. J. Butler*, W. M. Butler*.
Bethel, No. 2—G. W. Butler, I. West*, W. L. Hicks*.
Bethsadia—Not represented.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Mt. Olive—F. M. Revis, J. W. Curtis, L. Armstrong*,
Houston—D. R. Smith, B. F. Shank*, E. S. Harkness*,
Double Springs—A. J. Ingle R. H. Gaines, W. R. Adkins,
Nebo—W. W. Lester, G. B. Lester, W. G. Towers
Fairview—J. J. Miles, J. H. McCollum, C. L. Howell,
Union Hill—D. S. McCullars, Joseph Byars, M. N. McCullars,
Corinth—G. W. Hilton, J. C. Cooper, S. C. Cooper.
Bethlehem, No, 1—R. M. Atkins, L. R. Henson, W. H. Travis*,
Blooming Grove—N. H. Estis, D. Best, W. H. Durham*.
Bethel, No. 1—J. D. Ruttledge, A. H. Lay, J. M. Tingle,
Oak Grove—J. G. Lovelady, M. Pope, J. W. McCullar,

Mt Zion, No 2—Not represented.
Friendship—W. H. Petty, L. P. Hulsey*, W. A. Wright*,
Union,—T. S. Robinson, J. W. McDaniel.
Mt Zion, No. 2—Not represented.
Sardis, No 2—No letter presented.

Then opened the door of the Association for the reception of newly constituted churches, Received letters with messengers from the following churches:

Enmon Field—T. J. Combs, Calvin Burns, J. T. Hearn*,
Pleasant Hill—F. M. Martin, T. S. Kuykendall, Wm Gaines,
Salem—W. R. Long, Thos Farris, L. A. Lynn,

The letters were read and the churches found to be constituted upon a declaration of Baptist faith, a motion was made and carried that they be received into full fellowship with the Association. The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

The body then went into an election for moderator and clerk, which resulted in the choice of Eld T. M. Martin, moderator, and D. S. McCullars, clerk.

Motion made by Eld W. W. Davis, carried that the former order of business be adopted. Then appointed the following committees.

On Religious Exercise—J. W. Barton, J.N.Curtis, G. W. Butler, with W, R. Adkins, Deacon of Double Springs church.

Committee on Education—J. T. Harris, J. G. Lovelady, S. C, Cooper,

Committee on Finance—J. F. Curtis, Thos Farris, K. C. Crow.

Committee on Aged Ministers,—J. W. Curtis, Joseph Byars, J. T. Hackett.

Committee on Vocal Music—N. H. Estes, G. D. Wilson G. W. Davis,

Committee on Domestic Missions—T. S. Kuykendall, H. L. McCrary, W. W. Davis,

Committee on Documents—R. M. Atkins, W. R. Long, J. G. Lovelady

Committee on Temperance—L.M.Taylor, J.D.Ruttledge, R.H.Gaines

Committee on Charity—L. M. Taylor, M. Pope. A. F. Cole,

Committee on Nomination—W. W. Lester, J. A. Ward, W. R. Crittendon, David Best, John Miles,

Committee on Credentials—J. D. Ruttledge. B. G. Ray, J. A. Flower J. H. McCollum,

Report of the Committee on Temperance,

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report, We believe it the duty of all people to be temperate in all things. but especially in the use of intoxicating liquors. Baptised believers in Christ should not participate in its use as a beverage, for we should always let our lights shine before the world as deciples of Christ, Strong drink is the chief of all vice— itsows the seed of discord—it ruins homes, increases the number of widows and orphans, It brings disgrace to our homes and is damning to the human race. The Holy Bible says there is no eternal life in a drunkard.

Respectfully submitted, J. D. RUTTLEGE, Chairman,

Report of the Committee on Education.

We, your Committee on Education advise our brethren to use their best efforts in educating their children, as education is highly necessary in this life. It prepares us to read and understand the scriptures—it enables the minister to teach and expound the scriptures of Eternal Truth. We cannot get along without it. We advise that our brethren do all they can to educate their children.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN T. HARRIS, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers:

We, your committee, submit the following report, We find one worthy aged minister in the bounds of our Association—Eld R. M. Atkins—we reccommend him to your body as worthy of your care and support.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. CURTIS, Chairman.

Adjourned till 1.30 p, m. Met then according to adjournment. Call for report of committee on Finance.

We your Committee on finance report the following received from the different churches:

Minute funds.....	$18.20
Association funds,.....	4.40
Mission funds,.....	.50
Total,	$23.10.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN F. CURTIS, Chairman.

Call for report of Committee on Documents,

We, your Committee on Documents, having examined the documents find two questions which claim our attention, but under all circumstances we think it not prudent to present them before the body for discussion. We advise the churches to exercise their own feelings and invite their

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sister churches to take the Lord's Supper, if they choose to do so, and wash each other's feet if they think it is their duty to do so, but not to stir up strife, all of which is humbly submitted.

R. M. Atkins, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Vocal Music,

We, your Committee on Vocal Music beg leave to report that so far as our knowledge extends, the interest in music has materially advanced since our last session. We insist on the pastors of our churches to see that choirs are formed in their congregations with leaders who are competent, provided with the best of books, who will meet regular and practice sacred music. We also reccommend that our brethren engage in teaching singing schools all over the bounds of the Association, as it is a part of the worship of God. Then let us engage in it more earnestly and sing with the spirit and understanding,

Respectfully submitted, N. H. Estis, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Charity.

We, your Committee on Charity, beg leave to report that we believe it to be the duty of all saints to aid in administering to the needy and so fulfill the law of Christ. We also advise the churches to appoint two sisters in each church to aid in the work in getting means for missions and suffering humanity. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. M. Taylor, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

We your Committee on Nomination submit the following, Eld S. C. Cooper, to preach the introductory sermon at the next association, John T. Harris, alternate. Eld W. W. Davis to preach on Sabbath at eleven o'clock, A. F. Cole, alternate. David Best, Chairman.

Report of the First District.

The First District to meet with the Church at Macedonia, Friday before the 3rd Sabbath in August 1894. A. F. Cole to preach the introductory sermon, J. K. P. Taylor, alternate. T. P. Southerland to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'clock, W. W. Davis, alternate. The next Association to convene with Union Grove Church, No. 1, Winston county, Ala., 6 miles east of Delmar, Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1894.

J. T. Harris, Moderator.

L. A. Cummings, Clerk.

Call for correspondence from sister Associations. Received from the North River Association, her messenger Eld James Hilton—the right hand of fellowship extended by the moderator. Adjourned until Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK,

Met persuant to adjournment--Prayer by Eld J.C.Cooper Call for report of committee on Foreign Missions. Report received and adopted.

The subject of Foreign Mission is one that all Baptists should be interested in, and well informed on. Our Lord's great and last command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and then read of the millions without the gospel. Brethren, shall we be appalled by their immense population? Paganism is strong only in number—it is weak in force; its systems are rotten and its superstitions are ready to vanish, and its temples to crumble into ruin at the touch of Divine Truth! But remember, brethren, the supreme motive of missions is not so much conversion as it is to glorify God. He commands—we must obey; obedience being the test of love and loyalty to our Creator. The work in China, Japan, India, Africa, South America, Italy and Mexico—In spite of the great trials in China it is stronger in that empire than ever before, The great battle of infidelity is to be fought out in Japan and the Orient. Our Baptist churches in foreign fields in 1881 and 1882 numbered 20: in 1891 and 1892 they numbered 74, Our northern brethren, who have been at work 78 years report 1459 foreign mission churches, with a membership of 168,881, The average number of baptisms at home is 4 to the church, while in foreign fields they average 12 to the church, Their members contributed within 4 cents to the member as much as we did last year. The various Protestant Churches have 1436 missionaries in foreign fields. We have only 475, and yet if you put their membership all together, our membership will outnumber them all about 18,000 in foreign fields, The Baptists, with one third the workers and one fifth the money, have about doubled the converts in foreign fields, as all of them put together Thus, you see, God blesses a Baptist sermon three times as much as any other and blesses a Baptist dollar five times as much as any other, The reason is plain and simple—because Baptists depend entirely upon the Bible as a rule of faith and practice, and are dependent on the Holy Ghost for success, and a converted membership as a Gospel Church. Then, Brethren, as we profess to love God, let us keep his commandments, send and support the gospel in every nation under the sun to the utmost of our ability, knowing "if we say we love God and keep not

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His commandments we are in the Bible regarded as untruthful.

Respectfully submitted, G. W. HILTON, Chairman,

Report of the Committee on Home Mission,

Dear Brethren, The Bible teaches that mission and the gospel work is the means that God has ordained to save the human family. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" This command is to the Church and is as full of force and truth in the 19th century as when uttered. Brethren of this Association, How can the Clear Creek Baptist Association get around this great command and Bible truth and be standing in idleness? Our blessed Saviour has never commanded a church or people to do something they could not do. We believe the great cause of coldness in our churches is that we have neglected to carry out God's plan in saving the human family and bringing them to the Truth. The dry weather. cyclones, and other pestilence means something—God will be honored and served. We advise that every church in this Association do something for missions,and send the contribution to the next meeting of this body.

Respectfully submitted, D, S. MCCULLARS,
R. M. ATKINS, Committee.

Call for report on Domestic Missions. Report received, reconsidered and tabled.

Call for report of Executive Committee appointed in 1892 on Domestic Missions.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following, We made several efforts to raise means to support a traveling missionary but failed so do so. We reccommend that the body at this session do something now and put out a man to preach in the destitute places of our Association at least three months next summer. Respectfully submitted.

G. W. HILTON, Chairman.

Call for report of Committee on Sabbath Schools,

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, are very sorry to say that the Sunday school interest is much neglected in the bounds of our Association. We will not attempt to describe the growth and prosperity of the Sunday schools in this country, which we trust Christian people have noticed. We believe it is one of God's means to bring people to Christ. There are many Sunday School scholars who learn the great works, power and influence of God and are made Christians and become members of the Church. We further insist that every church in the Clear Creek Association have a Sunday school and report the same in their letter to the Association next year,

Respectfully submitted, N. H. ESTES, Chairman.

Report of Second District,

The next meeting of this body is to be held with Union Church, Friday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept 1894. Eld S.C. Cooper to preach the introductory sermon, J. G. Lovelady, alternate. J. C. Cooper to preach on Sabbath at 11 o'lock, R. M. Atkins alternate. Questions to be discussed: First, What is perseverance? Opened by R. M. Atkins. Second, What is the Church? Opened by G. W. Gibson. Third, What is a Sabbath School? Opened by D. S. McCullars,

R. M. Atkins, Moderator.
D. S. McCullar, Clerk

Report of Committee on Credentials.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report the following, Ordained ministers belonging to our body.

Union Grove, No 2.—Eld G.W. Gibson.
Corith—Elds. S. C. Cooper, J.C. Cooper.
Mt. Olive—Eld C. A. Taylor.
Oak Grove—Eld J. G. Lovelady.
Concord—Eld J. C. Taylor,
Liberty Grove—Eld J. K. P. Taylor, Eld J. T. Harris,
Blooming Grove—Elds D. B. Ford, and Minor Williams.
Pleasant Hill—Eld T. S. Kuykendoll, Eld C. Ballenger.
Fairview—Eld D. Carroll,
Macedonia—Eld. T. P. Southerland,
Bethlehem, No. 1—Eld R. M. Atkins,
Houston—Eld B. F. Shank.
Bethel, No. 2—W. L. Hicks.
Bethel, No. 1—Thomas Burrell,
Nebo—Eld W. Daily, (W. G. Towers, licensed.)
Rock Creek—Eld A. F. Cole.
Sardis No. 1—Eld T. M. Martin.
Bethlehem, No. 2—Eld J. W. O'Kelly.
Gum Pond—Elds A. L. Anderson, Jesse Bordon,
Union Grove, No 1—Eld W. W. Davis, G. W. Davis, (H. L. McCrary, licen)

Resptfully submitted,

J. D. Rutledge, Chairman.

Apointed the following Committees to make reports at the next Association.

On Sabbath Schools—T. P. Southerland, and Geo. W. Davis.

On Foreign Missions—N. H. Estis and J. D. Rutledge.

On Home Mission—R. M. Atkins, and G. W. Hilton.

On Temperance—W. W. Davis, and H. L. McCrary,

Appointed an Executive Committee for the next Associational year, as follows: G. D. Wilson, H. L. McCrary, J W. Barton, G. W. Hilton, J.D. Ruttledge, N. H. Estis, D. S. McCullars.

A motion made and carried that each church belonging to this Association meet with the Executive Committee by delegates, at Double Springs, Ala, on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in January, 1894., to arrange for a traveling missionary for that year.

Treasurer's report for the year 1892.

Received of Finance Committee,	Minute fund,	$23.50.
	Association fund,	7.05.
	On hand from 1891,	.40
	Total,	$30.95.
	Paid out for minutes,	23.50.
	Ballance paid to Clerk,	7.45.

Respectfully submitted, D. S. McCULLAR, Treasurer.

Called roll as registered on first page, and the absentees marked thus,*

A motion passed that the Clerk have as many minutes printed as the minute fund will pay for, and that the Clerk have the association fund for his services, for preparing the minutes, etc.. for the printer.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS—We the Clear Creek Baptist Association in session tender our sincere thanks to the brethren and citizens of Double Springs Ala, for their hospitality shown us during our stay amongst them.

Sang a hymn and took the parting hand to meet with the Baptist Church at Union Grove, No. 1, 5 miles east of Delmar on Friday before the 1st Sunday in Oct, A. D. 1894.

THOMAS M. MARTIN, MODERATOR.

DAVID S. McCULLAR, CLERK.

Preaching on Sabbath at eleven o'clock by Eld T. P, Southerland, and J. T. Harris, who preached to a large and attentive congregation from the subject of the Resurrection.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Post office.	Baptised....	Rec by Lettr	Dis by letter	Restored...	Excluded...	Died.....	Sun. meetng	Membership	Minute funds.....	Association'l funds	Missions....
Union Grove, No 1....	G. W. Davis,	B. Weaver	Biler,	4	7		2			1	61	1.00	15	15
Sardis, No 1, ...	T. M. Martin,	C. A. League,	Lynn			3		1		4	46	85	25	
Rock Creek.....	T. P. Southerland,	W. A. Curtis.	Double Springs.	1	4		1		1	3	52	55		
Macedonia.....	T. P. Southerland,	J. T. Hackett,	Haleyville,	14	8	2	1			3	65	85	25	
Liberty Grove, ...	T. P. Southerland,	H. K. Oden.	Double Springs,	2	4					2	40	75	25	
Shilo.....	J. T. Harris,	W. R. Crittendon,	Kinlock,	1						1	16	50		
New Prospect	T. P. Southerland,	G. D. Wilson,	haleysville,		6	4	1			2	81	75	25	
Gum Pond,.....	Jesse Bordon,	M. E Owens,	Cole,					1	1	1	70	75	25	
Concord.....	L. M. Taylor,	K. C. Crow,	Lynn,		1	4				2	28	50	20	
Bethlehem, No 2, ...	W. M. Brooks,	S. Posey,	Igoburgh,	1	6	6		2		4	66	1.00	50	
Mountain Springs	No name on	letter;	C[illegible]			2				3	50	55		
Low Gap	J. T. Harris,	J. A Fowler,	P[illegible]ville,	1	1	1		1	1	4	24	15	10	
Bethel, No 2.....	G. W. Davis,	W. N. Taylor,	Delmar,			3		1		3	19	35	35	
Bethsadia.....	Not rep-													
Salem.....	B. F. Shank.	Thomas Farris.	Lynn,	10	1						30	80	25	
Pleasant Hill	T. M. Martin,	F. M. Martin	Browns Creek,		7						15	40	10	
Houston.....	J. C. Cooper	D R. Smith,	houston.			3				1	36	60		
Double Springs.....	C. C. Collins.	G. W. Adkins,	Double Springs,			1				1	22	50	15	
Nebo.....	S, C. Cooper	W. W Lester,	Addison,	2		3			1	3	56	80		
Fairview, ...	S, C. Cooper,	T. G. Howell,	Double Springs,					2	1	1	37	75	25	
Union Hill, ...	S. C. Cooper,	D. S. McCullar,	Motes,			2	1			2	14	50	25	
Corinth	J. C. Cooper,	G. W. Hilton,	Motes,		1			4		2	21	60		
Union Grove No 2....	G. W. Gibson.	A. M. Fincher,	Dismal			2				1	16			
Blooming Grove	W. P. Smith,	N. H. Estis,	Marylee,	1	1	4			2	3	75	80		
Bethel, No 1.....	G. W. Gibson,	J. D. Ruttledge,	Melville					1		2	55	1.00	30	30
Oak Grove.....	J. C. Cooper,	W. A. McCullar,	Motes,	10	1			2		4	46	60	50	
Mt Zion, No 1.	not represented													
Friendship.....	W, H. Guthrie,	W. H. Petty	Upshaw	7	5	3		1		2	28	75		
Sardis, No 2.....														
Union	No letter													
Emmon Field,..... ..	I. W. Hood,	J. T. Hearn,								1	11	50	25	
Mt. Olive	C. A. Taylor,	A. R. Shipman,	Gum Pond						1	3	31	50	25	
Bethlehem, No 1	R. M. Atkins.	B. F. Atkins,	Elk,	5	5	1			1	3	21	75	35	